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All librarians are invited to visit the Summer Library School at Earlham College, July 29th and 30th. On these two days special lectures will be given on most of the topics listed in the outline on the socialization of the library, printed in the last number of the Library Occurrent. Among the speakers will be W. K. Stewart, of the W. K. Stewart Book Co., Indianapolis; Miss Mary E. Ahern, Editor, Public Libraries, Chicago; Miss Elva L. Bascom, Editor, A. L. A. Booklist, Madison, Wisconsin; Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Secretary, Art Department, General Federation of Clubs, Richmond, and several Indiana librarians. After each group of lecturers there will be opportunity for miscellaneous discussion.

Final announcements will be sent later to each library in the state.

The annual meeting of the Indiana Library Association will be held at Marion, October 22, 23 and 24. It has not been possible to arrange the program yet, but the committee is working on it. Considerable interest was manifested

by many members in Winona Lake as a meeting place this year. It was not deemed possible to arrange a program this year in time to hold a meeting there before the season closes. Winona is, however, a good suggestion for a future meeting. The headquarters at Marion will be at the Spencer House; rates \$1.00 up, European plan.

The officers of the association are preparing the Handbook of the association authorized last year. A list of all members of the association will be included. If any member has changed position or location the treasurer would appreciate having it reported to her so that the record of members may be as complete as possible.

## METHODS OF LIBRARY ADVERTISING.

Here are listed a great many practical things that can be done by librarians to make known the resources and uses of the public library to all classes of people. The outline is meant to suggest to librarians who are already advertising, new ways of bringing their wares to the attention of the public; and to those who have done very little or no publicity work, ways of making a beginning in this interesting field.

### In the Newspapers.

1. Lists of new books, with notes.
2. Lists of books on a subject of current interest.
3. Lists of most popular books, "ten best novels," etc.
4. Lists of timely topics on which library has material.
5. Book reviews, by librarian, or expressions of opinion about books by those who have read them—children and adults.
6. Notes about magazine articles.

7. Reports.
8. News items and announcements about local library exhibits, meetings, change in staff, etc.
9. News items and announcements about library associations, and library affairs generally.
10. General articles about reading and the value of study.
11. Articles asking people to register, accompanied by application blank in form of coupon, to be cut out and brought or sent to the library.

#### Library Bulletins, Etc.

1. Pamphlets, folders, bookmarks, handbills, blotters, invitation cards, etc., covering same field as newspaper articles.
  - a. Distributed at library.
  - b. Mailed to special classes of people.
  - c. Sent out in pay envelopes, city water company's statements, etc.
  - d. Tied up by merchants with merchandise.
  - e. Distributed by hand, at meetings, and from house to house.

These may be printed or mimeographed by the library or purchased from library associations, other libraries, or publishers.

#### Poster Advertising.

1. Posters which show a picture of the library building, and give hours, and an invitation to use, placed in
  - a. Public and parochial schools.
  - b. Public halls and lodge rooms.
  - c. Factory and office buildings.
  - d. Churches and Sunday school rooms.
  - e. Hotels, stations, street cars.
  - f. Stores.
  - g. Bowling alleys and pool halls.

2. Posters which list books or topics in some special field, placed where they will be seen by people who are supposed to be interested in such books and topics.

#### Talks by the Librarian.

1. At teachers' meetings.
2. To school classes.
3. To trade unions.
4. At farmers' institutes.

5. To Sunday school and church organizations.
6. To women's clubs, mothers' clubs, parent-teacher associations, and other similar organizations.

#### Letters.

1. Announcing receipt of new books.
2. Offering services of library.
3. Inviting people to the library.
4. Asking advice on book selection, etc.
5. Announcing exhibits, lectures, etc., at library.

#### Receptions at Library.

1. Open house to the general public.
2. Anniversary celebration.
3. Reception to teachers, or other special group of people.

#### Miscellaneous.

1. An attractive building.
2. Plenty of light—particularly a bright light outside in the evening.
3. A sign on the door giving library hours.
4. Lecture courses in the assembly room.
5. Club meetings in the library.
6. Circulation of pictures and music rolls.
7. Special rooms for men, for teachers, etc.
8. Urging use of telephone.
9. Picture bulletins.
10. Story hour.
11. Liberal rules—special vacation privileges, etc.
12. Window displays.
13. Cooperation with morning picture shows.
14. A new book shelf.
15. Library sermons.

#### LIBRARY ARTICLES IN THE NEWS-PAPERS.

Hundreds of articles about libraries are printed every week in the newspapers of the state—a splendid testimonial to the aggressiveness of Indiana librarians. In the last number of the Library Occurrent note was made of a news item on what the public library can furnish on public questions, and an article on the Business and municipal department at Fort Wayne was reprinted in full.

In this number, there have been brought to-

gether several articles that have been printed in newspapers of the state. They should not, of course, be taken as perfect or near-perfect models, for they were written without any thought of their possible use in this connection, but they are suggestive.

Here is a simple note about Mexico:

#### LIBRARY NOTES.

As Mexico is claiming a great deal of the public attention, a few books relating to that country and its affairs have been put on a special shelf at the library. Especially interesting is Terry's Mexico, which contains colored maps, is well written and gives much valuable information concerning the people, natural resources and chief events of its history. Other books on the subject are: From empire to republic; Short History of Mexico—Noll; History of Mexico—Ober; Conquest of Mexico—Prescott.

Spencer.

Certainly this is a good deal better than, "The following is a brief list of new books on Mexico," but it has the misfortune to be placed under an unattractive heading—which may or may not have been the librarian's fault—and it would have been more attractive if the first sentence had said something interesting about Mexico, instead of simply saying that Mexico is attracting attention.

The following is not subject to criticism on either of these points. No one interested in efficiency—and it is a popular subject just now—is likely to overlook such an article, and very few will read the first sentence or paragraph without reading more:

#### EFFICIENCY

And Salesmanship—Books at Public Library.

It is said that successful salesmen are born, not made. That may be true, but the born salesman cannot grow in efficiency without effort. Every man who would be a successful salesman must study men and the art of selling. Some salesmen depend entirely on their own experience to learn men and the art of selling. Other salesmen add to their own experience a knowledge of the experience of other successful salesmen. They are constantly on the lookout for points that will help them. The former class of salesmen may succeed, and many of them do, but the latter class has a great advantage.

In its effort to supply the needs of the business men, the business and municipal department of the public library has recently added a number of new books on salesmanship and efficiency. These books are being read by a great many people engaged in all kinds of occupations requiring a knowledge of salesmanship and business methods. They are read by clerks in the retail and wholesale stores, by insurance men, real estate men, salesmen on the road, shop managers and foremen and men who are working to become foremen. A few of the new titles added recently are the following:

"In the front office"; plans and suggestions for writing more fire insurance; effective means for advertising the fire insurance business; schemes for making the office more productive at less cost.

"The art of selling," by Arthur Frederick Sheldon.

"Influencing men in business," by Walter Dill Scott.

"Ginger talks—The talks of a sales manager to his men," by Worthington C. Holman. A book brimming with spicy suggestions.

"The master salesman, or How to read men," by Ben R. Vardaman.

"Motion study," by Frank B. Gilbreth.

"The principles of scientific management," by Frederick Winslow Taylor.

"Accounting every business man should know," by E. E. Garrison.

The above and many other similar books may be borrowed free of charge from the business and municipal department.

There are also many excellent magazines on salesmanship and business efficiency in the reading room of the business and municipal department. In the last number of one of these magazines there are the following, among other interesting articles:

"Finding your market," by W. C. Holman, giving the factors to be considered in determining how, where and when to reach and convince your buyers.

"Taming the store telephone," by Tyson Cook, considering the qualifications of a store telephone salesman, how one store established a telephone sales department, how the clerks were trained in the use of the telephone, specific instructions for handling orders over the telephone, etc.

"How my records help my sales," a paint dealer's first-hand account of methods that earned his success.

"Finding the work that pays," "Getting past the sticking point," "As the Salesman sees his trade," "Holding 'bad-days' off the books," etc.

Any of the magazines may be read in the department on week days from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., and on Sunday from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Fort Wayne.

A list of books, with no remarks and with no real excuse for being, is about the dearest kind of reading matter one can think of, but such articles as the two above and this one following are readable.

#### LIBRARY NOTES.

While the legitimate drama is having a particularly hard time upon the stage, from some unaccountable cause, interest in reading the drama and in amateur theatricals is rather intensified.

The visit of the Irish Players to Richmond last winter has stimulated interest in the plays of Yeats, Synge and Lady Gregory.

The following books are in the library relative to the Irish movement.

Bickley, "J. M. Synge and the Irish dramatic movement."

Weygandt, "Irish plays and playwrights."

And the following plays may be found:

Lady Gregory, "Irish folk-history plays."

Synge, "Deirdre of the Sorrows," "In the shadow of the Glen," "Riders to the sea," "Tinker's wedding," "Well of the Saints."

Yeats, and Lady Gregory "Unicorn from the Stars and other plays."

Richmond.

This one from Gary was probably not all written in the library—though one can never tell—but it is an article that must have attracted a good deal of attention to a certain group of books in the library.

#### PEOPLE HAVE DRAMAS AT HOME.

Library Shows That Many People Prefer Published Versions.

#### BUT FEW MELODRAMAS.

Officials Do Not Encourage Reading the Novelized Plays.

"Ah-ha, Jack Dalton, I hev yuh at muh murcy," (Crosses center, draws knife.) "All these lo-o-ng ye-ars I hev waited this glad moment." (Business of stabbing.) "Take that and that—" (Business of shooting).

"Oh-h-h-h." (business of groaning).

"You thought you had Jack Dalton, dud yuh? Ha, ha."

"Curse you, Dalton." (Business of writing.) "I'm not dead yet."

In a statement issued today the public library urges Gary readers to take their plays in book form. If the advice is heeded, scenes like the above will be taking place—in the imagination—in many a quiet Gary home.

#### Get Dramatics in Private.

Unfortunately, Jack Dalton's doings are not yet on the shelves, but The servant in the house, Tyl Tyl and Mytyl of the Blue bird, Hedda Gabler, and a number of other celebrities grace the alcoves. Mr. Ibsen, Mr. Maeterlinck, and Mr. Kennedy are in fact heavy contributors.

#### Frown on Novelized Drama.

The library is disposed to frown upon the novelized versions of plays. "The Lion and the mouse," they say, for instance, "is not as good literature in chapters as in acts. The library has a number of other successful dramas in book form but it does not encourage their reading."

Furthermore, it is a great deal easier to read a play than to read it strung out into a lot of description. "And even if you have seen the play, read it anyway," say the library officials.

"It will do you good because you will find so many enjoyable things you missed at the theatre, your attention being taken up with the scenery—or the chap who wanted to get out between the acts, the talkative ladies behind you, or the boy with the loud "song-hits-of-the-show-all-for-a-quarter."

#### Some of the Plays on Hand.

Here is a partial list of the dramas in the library with the names attached of stars that appeared in them:

(The list which followed in the newspaper included some 30 titles mostly modern.)

Gary.

One hesitates to recommend the somewhat sensational style of the first few sentences, but, at least, the article is interesting.

Every week there comes from an Elwood paper, a clipping of more than ordinary interest. The articles are always about 300 words in length and nearly always end with a few book titles; but no two of them ever begin in the same way. Even the commonplace heading, "Library Talk," is not sufficient to stop one's curiosity, for the articles are actually interesting.

#### LIBRARY TALK.

About fifty years ago a woman, educated, refined, of good social standing, undertook to interest other women in the fact that when they married, any money or property they owned passed at once out of their control and into absolute possession of their husbands, to be used as the husband saw fit. This pioneer



went from house to house trying to get women's signatures to a petition to the legislature for a new Married Women's Property Act. In the newspapers of the state, by the people she talked to, she was ridiculed and reviled as a creature unbalanced, immodest, unwomanly; doors were closed in her face and sermons were preached against her as a menace to the home and therefore to the race. Last week in Indianapolis a large crowd of women and men from all over the state gathered to discuss (and not a word in the press against their respectability or sanity) woman's rights to all the opportunities and privileges of men, and the means of attaining them. So far we have traveled in fifty years.

In the introduction to her life of Susan B. Anthony, Miss Harper says, "The transition of the young Quaker girl into reformer, orator, statesman, is no more wonderful than the change in the status of woman, affected so largely through her exertions. At the beginning she was a chattel in the eyes of the law, an utter dependent on man, a subordinate in the church, an absolute nonentity in politics. Today American women are envied by those of all other nations, and stand comparatively free individuals, with the exception of political disabilities."

Other books on the New book shelf are "Hermann's Becken and Bersen, their significance for Christian thought;" Trevelyan's "Garibaldi and the making of Italy;" Robertson's "Famous Italian pictures;" Münsterberg's "Vocation and learning;" Well's "Nonsense anthology," and some new fiction.

And some new books for the children, too.  
Elwood.

The paragraph above is typical. In order to introduce to the public the books on Mexico and South America the librarian at Elwood began with a statement by the Governor of Michigan on reciprocity; and for the purpose of making parents take an interest in their children's reading, she has written the following:

#### LIBRARY TALK.

"Give, O give to the heart of a child,  
Laughter, dream-times and sun;  
With gentle rains and breezes mild,  
And fun, O mothers, fun.  
Bleak days will come when hearts are grown;  
Dark days, with nights too long.  
O give, O give to the bud unblown  
Laughter and dreams and song."

"If I leave my children nothing else," says Elizabeth in her German garden, "I will leave them pleasant memories." There came into the library one day this winter a man who

made himself at home for an hour or two and on leaving said a word of thanks, adding, "I had good times in a public library as a boy and now that I'm traveling always to strange places I usually hunt up the library and spend an off hour there."

Send your children to the Library and we will do our best to help them store up happy and useful and innocent memories, and to cultivate a habit of reading with which to employ safely the idle hour.

The children's shelf this week holds three interesting new books, the stories of cotton, of lumber and of gold and silver. "The Life of Grant," is for both boys and girls and so is "The Boys Cuchulain," which tells the old legends and hero stories of Ireland. "Old time Hawaiians," and "Pueblo Indian folk stories," are quaint and entertaining.

And there are many new books on the grown-ups' New book shelf, a list of which you will find on the library door.

Elwood.

Here is another style of book notice, much simpler, and quite satisfactory, but again the headlines are uninteresting:

#### LIBRARY TOPICS.

Hours 12:30 to 9 p. m. Sunday 2:00 to 5 p. m.

#### New Books Saturday.

How to keep hens for profit, by C. S. Valentine, is one of our new books on practical topics. The subject is treated quite fully, chapters being devoted to varieties, egg-producing breeds, food, chicks, houses and diseases. A chapter on Indian runner ducks closes the book, which is well printed and illustrated.

The Popular Mechanics year book for 1913, presents "595 easy ways to do hard things in every trade and calling." These year books formerly called "Shop notes" are a mine of information to the mechanic, and also to the man or boy who attempts small mechanical tasks about the home. Clear and accurate cuts illustrate each point.

#### Two Books for Sunday School Workers.

Winning the boy, by Lilburn Merrill, has an introductory chapter by Judge Ben B. Lindsey. Some of the chapter headings will give an idea of the scope of the work: The Heart of a boy, Jimmy's heritage of weakness, A boy, Two flights of stairs and a friend, The transition to manhood, A study of the individual boy, Fresh air work with boys, Religious meetings for boys, A club for boys.

Another book, officially recognized as a text book by the International Sunday school association, is Luther A. Weigle's "The pupil and the teacher." It is admitted to be one of the very best books on Sunday school training yet

published. The opening chapters are based on the fact that psychological and scientific understanding of the child's mental development is absolutely essential on the part of the teacher. The second part of the book deals in a practical manner with teaching methods.

The woman of It, by Mark Lee Luther, is a story picturing Washington life, A congressman, whose office and riches are of equally recent attainment, brings his family to the national capital. The experiences of these people make a readable story, in which the wife's cleverness saves her husband from an illegal deal into which he has been drawn.

Other new books, on topics of timely interest, are ordered from time to time, and a few will be coming in each month. Watch for them. If we are not getting books on the subject that appeals to you, come in and confer with us regarding your needs.

Bluffton.

Mrs. Matthews of Tipton writes a few reviews each week which are printed under a special, double column, decorated heading, "The Public Library." The large, dignified heading, the double column, and liberal spacing, combine to make the good notes unusually attractive.

Some time ago a library organizer was informed by a librarian that the newspaper in her town would not print articles about the library—a discouraging situation. But it developed that what the librarian really meant was that the editor would not print lists of new books and statistical reports. The surprising thing is, not that some editors refuse such lifeless material, but that any editor with good judgment, will accept it. What the newspapers want is news, or, at least, something readable. Booklists and circulation figures in themselves, are neither. That booklists can be made the subject of interesting articles the above quotations easily prove. The following article illustrates the possibilities of statistics:

#### GARY SECOND CITY IN STATE IN ITS LIBRARY.

Indianapolis Alone Excels in Circulation of Books.—The Annual Report.—Fiction in Decline in 1912, Compared With Other Years.

In point of circulation the Gary public library last year jumped into second place in the state. Its total circulation of 151,900 vol-

umes, according to Librarian L. J. Bailey's annual report, makes Gary smaller only than Indianapolis.

As most of this work was accomplished before the library had the advantages of its new building, Mr. Bailey declares in the report that he looks forward to a much broader field of work this year. The single month that the library enjoyed in its new quarters in 1912, gave great promise of increased usefulness.

#### Branch Library at Froebel School.

Announcement of the location of a branch library in the Froebel school is one of the chief items of new interest to be given in the report. The school board has provided a room, large and splendidly lighted, in the southeast corner of the school building. The room is easily reached from the street. It will be kept open at night whether or not the school itself is.

It is Mr. Bailey's desire to equip this portion of the public library work largely with books in the Hungarian and other Slavic languages. However, the first volumes to be supplied will be children's books. The branch will be opened later in the winter.

(There is nearly a column of it altogether. The following are the sub-titles: Fiction on decline here; Library not a mausoleum; Large number of books; Would establish lectures).

Gary.

Some libraries are always doing something interesting, with the result that every week or two they have a real "story" for the reporter. Huntington belongs in this class. A 250 word article on the national park exhibit was recently printed under the headlines "Hundreds marvel at library's exhibit of American beauty spots." Another recent article of about the same length appeared under the heading "Erie engine model arrives at library—shows new devices."

From Terre Haute there has come an illustrated newspaper announcement of a butterfly exhibit. The announcement itself is very brief, but the picture, which is a reproduction of a photograph of the exhibit and the two boys who prepared it, is over six inches long. This exhibit was used as an adjunct to the story hour.

The next looks like a reporter's story, pure and simple. However, it very likely whetted the appetites of several boys to such an extent that they investigated the library's resources, and is therefore a suggestion worth keeping in mind.

### NEW LIBRARY STARTS FAD FOR LAND BOATS.

Twelve "Yachts on Wheels" on West Side Now  
—Boys Read of Them at Carnegie  
Building.

After being laid up for the last two weeks with a mashed foot, resulting from a collision with a lumber wagon at the corner of Tenth avenue and Michigan street, George E. Sieber of Eleventh street has again appeared on the streets with a new kind of land boat. It is built exactly like a yacht except for the wheels. The sail of the boat is a large sheet of canvas which can be raised or lowered at will.

The craft is built so much on the order of a real water boat that it can be operated on any tack, no matter which way the wind is blowing.

When asked where he got his ideas about the craft he said: "When the new library started down here I got a book that told of all the different kinds of boats and airships. I found a description of this boat in it."

Land boats are becoming a fad on the West Side. There are now about a dozen.

Evansville.

Scores of other clippings that have come to the Commission office recently are well worth reprinting as samples, but space will not permit their use.

### ADVERTISING PAYS.

I wrote a half column for the paper on child-labor and women in industry, using as my text some remarks of Mr. Beveridge in his political talk of a night or two before. Then I made a poster. I printed it, large type, with black water color paint, liberally picked out in red, headed it with the quotation "On the care we take of our women and children depends the future strength of our country," put under it a heading, "Women and Children—How they live and work—" and below a list of ten books. In the next two weeks every one of those books went out at least once. Three or four of them, Riis's "How the other half lives," for instance, and "The long day," went out several times.

I put the poster on one of the pillars toward the front of the loan desk and under it the books advertised.

HENRIETTE I. SCRANTON.  
Elwood.

### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

#### District A.

The librarians of the Northwestern part of the state met at Valparaiso March 21st. Eight representatives were present from six libraries. In addition, the meeting was attended by several members of the local library board and by Miss Williams of the Public Library Commission. The topics discussed were Books for working men, and Municipal reference work.

The third meeting for 1913 was held May 21st at the Elkhart Public Library. Seven librarians and three library trustees, representing five libraries, were present. The main topic for consideration was Municipal reference work. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that it is not desirable to place a collection of books in the City Hall as the usefulness of the books depends greatly on the personal aid which the librarian can give. The method suggested, as bringing about the best results, is to keep in close touch with the city officials, to learn their needs and to notify them promptly of all new books in which they might be interested. The next meeting will be held in September.

#### District C.

The first meeting of the year for District C, was held in Kokomo Public Library, April 20. The flood had washed all previously made plans from the schedule and but few of the libraries in the district mustered sufficient courage to send representatives. To our great sorrow no trustees appeared on the scene, though they had been most politely and repeatedly told they were expected. Notwithstanding the small attendance the meeting was decidedly interesting.

Talks were made on Municipal reference work, Books for working men, and Coöperation with other institutions. Twelve librarians were in attendance.

At four-thirty, Miss Ford and her assistants piloted their guests to the Kokomo High School where tea was served by the classes in domestic science.

#### District D.

Fourteen representatives of the libraries in neighboring cities met on May 23d, at Hunt-

ington. A round table discussion was conducted in which the topic was Coöperation of libraries with other institutions—schools, clubs, farmers' institutes and churches.

#### District E.

The annual meeting of District E was held May 9 at Noblesville in the new Carnegie building, which was dedicated the day before. Representatives were present from Westfield, Indianapolis, Greenfield, Martinsville, Franklin, Danville, Mooresville, and Plainfield. Miss Henley of Wabash and Mrs. Matthews of Tip-ton were visiting members from District C.

Exhibits, Lecture courses, and The use of the assembly room, were the topics discussed. Light refreshments were served by the women of the local library board.

#### District G.

Representatives from Bloomfield, Bloomingdale, Brazil, Clinton, Greencastle, Linton, Odon, Spencer, Terre Haute, Washington, and Worthington attended a meeting of District G, at Sullivan, May 22d.

#### District I.

Twenty-seven delegates attended a meeting of District I at New Harmony on May 2d. They were taken for an automobile ride during the morning, and many historic places were visited. Dinner was served at the Old Tavern. Talks were made on Library lecture courses, Books for workingmen, and Exhibits and art education.

### NEW LIBRARY BUILDINGS.

#### East Chicago.

Two beautiful little \$20,000 Carnegie library buildings were dedicated in East Chicago, May 16th-19th, 1913. One of the buildings is near the business center of East Chicago proper, the other is in an equally good situation in Indiana Harbor. Two programs, one in the afternoon and one in the morning, were carried out at each place. The principal speaker was Miss Mary E. Ahern, of Chicago. Talks were also made by the president of the board, the librarian, the superintendent of schools, and the Secretary of the Public Library Com-

mission. Miss Mary E. Downey, who was to speak, was unable to be present.

The children's part in the celebration consisted of story telling by Miss Georgene Faulkner, at one library in the morning of the 19th, at the other, in the afternoon.

The architect of the building was A. E. Robinson.

#### Noblesville.

The Carnegie library building of Noblesville, which has been in the course of construction for a year, was thrown open to the public on Thursday, May 8th. The afternoon was set aside for the school children, who, with their teachers, marched by classes to the library and were shown about the building and entertained at a story hour. During the evening the members of the library board were the hosts at a general reception to the public. A short dedicatory program was carried out, a pleasant feature of which was the presentation of two silk flags by members of the W. R. C.

The building, which was erected at a cost of \$12,500, is a beautiful structure of tapestry brick with white stone trimmings, designed by the architect, Herbert Foltz, of Indianapolis.

#### Purdue University.

The Purdue University Library building, erected at a cost of something more than \$100,000, was dedicated June 10th, alumni day of commencement week. President Stone talked on the history of the library and Librarian Hepburn explained the arrangement of the building and the uses of each department. The principal address was made by Demarchus C. Brown, State Librarian, who spoke on The American library.

The building is excellent in plan, and beautiful both inside and out. The architect is Grant C. Miller, of Chicago.

### CARNEGIE DONATIONS.

During recent months, the Carnegie Corporation of New York has made offers of money for library buildings in Indiana as follows: Akron, \$12,500; Boonville, \$15,000; Brook, \$7,000; Carmel, \$11,000; Covington, \$10,000; Evansville, \$10,000, for colored branch; Gar-



rett, \$10,000; Gas City, \$12,500; Kewanna, \$8,000; Mooresville, \$10,000; Osgood, \$9,000; Paoli, \$8,000; Roachdale, \$10,000; Waterloo, \$9,000.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

#### Henshaw, H. W.

Fifty common birds of farm and orchard. Washington, Government Printing Office, 1913. (Farmers' Bulletin, 513.)

If there is any public library in the state that does not receive all the Farmers' Bulletins, the librarian of that library should write to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for a copy of this number. There are simple descriptions and colored illustrations.

#### Indiana-Industrial and Agricultural Education Commission. Report, 1912.

Librarians will be particularly interested in the chapter on The library and industrial education, in this report, which contains much valuable material under the headings, Industry and its educational needs, Agriculture and its educational needs, Domestic science and its educational needs, Elimination of pupils from schools, What further forms of education are needed, Vocational guidance, etc.

The table of contents is at the end of the volume.

National Municipal Review now has a Department of reports and documents, conducted by Miss Adelaide R. Hasse, chief of the Division of documents in the New York Public Library, which will be of interest to librarians. The editor of the magazine also announces that he will undertake to answer questions requiring documentary research. Address National Municipal Review, North American Bldg., Philadelphia.

The April, 1913, number contains an excellent article on The public library in commission governed cities, by Miss Alice S. Tyler, Secretary of the Iowa Library Commission.

A new edition of Important laws of Indiana relating to public libraries and the Public Library Commission, has just been issued.

Country schools and library extension is the title of a little folder written by M. Clifford Townsend, county superintendent of schools in Blackford County, and published by the Commission. It will be sent to libraries in quantities if desired.

#### Books for Boy Scouts.

Character culture by means of books boys like best is the general title of a series of annotated booklists now being compiled by the Chief Scout Librarian, and published by the Boy Scouts of America. The sub-titles of the lists are as follows:

- Heroes of adventure.
- Heroes of success.
- Heroes of field, forest and frontier.
- Heroes of chivalry.
- Heroes of humor.
- Heroes of service.
- Heroes of faith.
- Heroes who overcame.
- Heroes of daring.
- Heroes of sports.

On the back of each pamphlet is a list of the Best books published in 1912. The Chief Scout Librarian, Mr. F. K. Mathews, has consented to send copies of these publications to the public libraries of the state. If any library wants additional copies, they can be secured by addressing National Headquarters, Boy Scouts of America, 200 Fifth Ave., New York. The price of the series is 25 cents.

It is a delicate task to urge the reading of one's own publication, and, in all probability, a useless task, when that publication happens to be a "pub. doc." Nevertheless, it may be worth while to mention the fact that the Seventh biennial report of the Public Library Commission has been issued, that it contains statistics of all libraries in the state, the usual record of Commission activities, several special articles on subjects of interest—at least to us—two pictures of library buildings, and several charts.

Whoever takes the trouble to read the report—if there are any such—will observe, among other things, that there were 145 public libraries in the state when the report went

ries. The necessary subscription list has been filed and the library board has been organized.

**South Whitley.**—Plans for the opening of a library at South Whitley are well under way. The board has been appointed and the librarian chosen.

**Terre Haute.**—The children's librarian of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library will tell stories and lend books during the summer at the city parks.

**Thorntown.**—During the summer months, the library, which has quarters in the school house, will be opened to the general public for circulation.

**Tipton.**—The third annual exhibition of the Tipton Art Association was held at the Public Library May 31 to June 7, 1913. The Indiana artists' traveling exhibit was hung and, in addition, there were local loan exhibits of painting and needlecraft. Every evening dur-

ing the week an interesting Indiana program, descriptive of art, music, history and nature, was carried out.

**Walkerton.**—A book shower and carnival for the benefit of the Walkerton Public Library was held on Friday evening May 23d.

**Winchester.**—The Winchester Public Library, located in the W. E. Miller Building, was recently opened to the public. The library of the Presbyterian church, consisting of fifteen hundred volumes, has been given to the public library.

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"Common drinking cups and common towels are also disease carriers and they should not be found in libraries, especially in children's rooms. It is time that the libraries seriously studied these questions."

FRANCES JENKINS OLCOTT,  
In The American City, March, 1913.

